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Upgrading Braille Presses
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up/modernise/augment production capacity of the Braille Printing Press in the country
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and
(c) the details of the proposed locations where the said Braille printing press are likely to be set up, State-wise and the norms followed in the selection process.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)
(a) to (c) The Government has approved the Central Sector Scheme of "support for establishment/modernization/capacity augmentation of Braille presses" for the benefit of visually challenged with effective from 2014-15. The objectives of the scheme are:
(i) to establish new Braille Presses in the States where strong organizations are already present
(ii) to establish small scale Braille printing units in Union Territories;
(iii) to augment Braille printing capacity of modern Braille printing presses by adding printing infrastructure; and
(iv) to modernize old Braille Presses using traditional and low speed printing equipment

The Government has released Grants of Rs.3.86 cr during 2014-15 and Rs.3.87 cr during 2015-16 (upto October, 2015) for establishment of new Braille presses, capacity augmentation and modernization of Braille presses. The details of the location (State-wise) is given in the attached Annexure-I. The norms for selection process are given in the attached Annexure-II.

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